

SENATE, No. 148

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senators LaROSSA and INVERSO

1 AN ACT concerning the reporting of suspected criminal activities on
2 school property and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. When the principal or other person responsible for the
9 administration of an elementary or secondary school receives
10 information concerning the commission or suspected commission of a
11 criminal offense in the school or on school property, that person shall
12 immediately report such information to the police department of the
13 municipality where the school is located or to the State Police if there
14 is no police department in that municipality.

15 b. A person who violates the provisions of subsection a. shall be
16 subject to a penalty of \$500.00. For a second violation, a person shall
17 be subject to a penalty of \$1,000.00. For a third or subsequent
18 violation, a person shall be subject to a fine of \$3,000.00. An action
19 for the recovery of a penalty for violation of this section shall be
20 within the jurisdiction of the municipal court where the violation is
21 committed. The penalty shall be payable to the municipal clerk for
22 deposit in the municipal treasury. The penalty may be collected by
23 summary proceedings in accordance with "the penalty enforcement
24 law" (N.J.S. 2A:58-1 et seq.).

25 c. As used in this section, "criminal offense" includes but is not
26 limited to any offense defined in Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill would require the principal of an elementary or secondary
34 school to report information concerning criminal offenses committed
35 in school or on school property to law enforcement authorities.

1 Failure to comply with this reporting requirement would be punishable
2 by the imposition of a monetary penalty. For a first offense, the
3 penalty would be \$500.00; for a second offense, \$1,000.00 and for a
4 third or any subsequent offense, \$3,000.00.

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9 Requires the reporting of criminal offenses occurring on school
10 property to law enforcement authorities.